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424 Pounds of Pills Collected by Wylie Police Department

Wylie, TX, April 30, 2013 – Wylie residents participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event turned in 424 pounds of unused, unneeded, and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications to the Wylie Police Department on Saturday, April 27. This national event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), focuses attention to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse and proper disposal methods.

“These medications will be properly disposed of helping to prevent abuse and protect our children, animals and water systems,” says Crime Prevention Officer Angie Willis. “I want to thank the citizens of Wylie for proactively ridding their homes of these dangerous pills during our first ever Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.”

The DEA reports the final total for North Texas collections was 23,497 pounds-- almost 10,000 more pounds than last September’s Take-Back. Nationwide results for the April 27 event are still being tallied and will add to the more than 2 million pounds collected over the last few years nationally.

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs according to the recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). That same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet.

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The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Based on the success, the Wylie Police Department is planning a Fall Prescription Drug Take-Back event. Go to www.WylieTexas.gov for more details or visit www.justice.gov/dea.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.